

# AN ORDER

OF

## PARLIAMENT,

With the Consent of

His Highness the Lord Protector,

For a Day of

## PUBLIKE THANKSGIVING

WITHIN

The Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, the  
late Lines of Communication, and Weekly Bills  
of Mortality, on *Wednesday* the third of *June* next;

For the great Success God hath been pleased to give  
the Navy of this Commonwealth under the Command  
of General *Blake* against the *Spaniard*.

Together with a

## NARRATIVE

Of the same Success, as it was Communicated in a  
*Letter* from the said GENERAL.



Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> of *May*, 1657.

**O**rdere*d by the Parliament, That this Narrative be Printed  
and Published, with the Order of the House for the Day of  
Thanksgiving.*

Hen: Scobell, Clerk of the Parliament.

L O N D O N:

Printed by *Henry Hills* and *Iohn Field*, Printers to  
His Highness. 1657.

1857 May 3rd

My dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst.

in relation to the above mentioned subject.

I am sorry to hear that you are not satisfied with the result of the examination.

I have no objection to your withdrawing the application at this time.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
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*Thursday the 28 of May, 1657.*

**O** Rdered by the Parliament, That Wednesday next be set apart for a Day of Publique Thanksgiving, within the Cities of London and Westminster, and the late Lines of Communication, and Weekly Bills of Mortality, for the marvellous Goodness of God to this Nation, in Preserving the Fleet of this Commonwealth in their late Action at Sancta Cruz, in the Island of Teneriff, under General Blake; and giving them great Success against the Ships of the King of Spain.

Hen: Scobell, Clerk of the  
Parliament.

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**NARRATIVE**  
 Of the Action at  
**SANCTA CRUZ.**



After taking in the Supply of Vi-  
 ctuals that was brought us the lat-  
 ter end of *March*, we spent two or  
 three days before the Town of *Ca-*  
*diz*, and finding the Enemy there  
 in no great forwardness to come  
 forth with a Fleet as was expected, The General  
 on the Thirteenth of *April*, One thousand six  
 hundred fifty seven, called the Commanders toge-  
 ther, and communicated his thoughts to go for  
*Sancta Cruz*, on the Island of *Teneriff*, laying be-  
 fore them the reasons that induced him to it, which  
 they all approved of, and a favorable Gale just at the  
 time presented to carry us thither. On the Eigh-  
 teenth following in the evening we discovered Land,  
 supposed to be *Point Negro*, but being thick and hazy,  
 could not certainly make it till Noon the next  
 day, whereby the Enemy had longer notice of  
 our being on the Coast than we designed he  
 should, before we came to Action.

On



On *Munday* the twentieth of *April* one thousand six hundred fifty seven, we were by break of day fair in the *Offin* of *Sancta Cruz*, and, as soon as 'twas light, perceived by a Signal from one of our Friggots a head, that the *West-India* Fleet were in the Bay. Whereupon, after a short Conference how to order the Attempt, and earnest seeking to the Lord for his presence, we fell in amongst them, and by eight of the clock were all at an Anchor, some under the Castle and Forts, and others by the Ships sides, as we could birth our selves to keep clear one of another, and best annoy the Enemy.

They had there five or six Galleons (whereof were Admiral, Vice-Admiral, and Rere-Admiral, with their Standart and Flags aloft) and other considerable Ships making up the number of sixteen, some having Goods brought from the *Indies* still on board them, others had taken in Goods and Provisions to carry back again: Most of them were furnished with Brass Ordnance, and (as we have been informed since) had their full companies of Seamen and Souldiers kept continually on board them, from their first coming thither, which was about the beginning of *February* last, their General himself in all the time lying but one night out of his Ship: they were moored close along the Shore, which lies in the manner of a Semicircle, commanded, as far as the Ships rid, by the Castle, and surrounded besides with six or seven Forts, with almost a continued Line for Musqueteers and great Shot, as the Ground between admitted; And we were forced to come so near to do our work, that many of the Men we have slain and wounded, were shot by the Musqueteers from the Shore; Notwithstanding it pleased God that in four hours time their Men were beaten out, and all the Ships put ashore, except the Admiral, and Vice-Admiral, who made the most considerable resistance. About two

of the clock the Vice-Admiral was set on fire, and the Admiral, by some happy Shot, or other accident, suddenly blown up; having (as we perceived just before) many Men on board her; by the evening all the rest were fired, onely two that sunk down to rights, and had little but their Masts appearing above water.

It remained to compleat this Mercy, that our own Ships should come off well, wherein the greatest hazard and difficulty lay; for some riding near into the Shore, and being sorely maimed did require to be warped off, others when we came to weigh, drove with the winde all the while blowing right into the Bay, and one of our best Frigots strook: The Enemy in the mean time supplied fresh men into his Forts for those we had killed and beaten out in the heat of the Action, and from them and the Castle continued plying upon us, till about seven of the clock at night, every Ship and Vessel belonging to our Fleet, were by the good hand of God got safe out of command.

In this service we had not above fifty slain outright, and one hundred and twenty wounded, and the damage to our Ships was such as in two days time we indifferently vvell repaired for present security: Which vve had no sooner done, but the Winde veered to the South-West (which is rare among those Islands) and lasted just to bring us to our former Station neer *Cape Maries*, where we arrived the second of *May* following: For vvhich mercifull appearance all along vvith us, vve desire the Lord may have the praise and glory, to vvhom onely it is due; and that all that hear of it may turn and say (as of a truth we have found) that *among the gods there is none like unto him, neither are there any works like unto his works.*



The Names of the Commanders of the *New Spain* Fleet, and of the other Ships that were burnt in the *Santa Cruce* Road on the 20<sup>th</sup> of *April*, 1657.

*Don Diego Diagues*, General.

*Don Josepho Sentenno*, Vice-Admiral.

*Roque Gallindo*, Rere-Admiral.

*Gasper Goteras*, in the great *Campeachan*.

*Martin De Lazondo*, in the little *Campeachan*.

These Commanders with their Ships came from *La vela Cruce* in *New Spain*.

*John Quintero*.

*Francisco De Estoeta*.

*Pedro Fegoroa*.

*Don Francisco Velasques*.

*Pedro Oreguel*.

Commanders of the Admiral and Vice-Admiral of *Hundoras*.

*Francisco Martines*.

*Francisco De Arana*.

*Pedro Sorrillio* Commander of the Ship which came from *Santo Domingo*.

These Commanders with their Ships were in *Santa Cruce* before their Fleet arrived from the *Indies*.

*Gregory Gomes*.

*Francisco Marcadel*.

*Fernando Sohes*.

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*Thursday 28. May, 1657.*

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*Henry Scobel*, Clerk of the Parliament.

